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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, TH
SUBJECT: THAI CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC

REF: (A) BANGKOK 26192 (B) GENEVA 7442

1. MUCH APPRECIATE USMISSION'S PROMPT ACTION (REF B)
IN RESPONSE TO OUR TEL REF. A ON THE THAI CONTRIBUTION
FO 2.8 MILLION BAHT (US$140,000) TO THE UNFDAC. WE
PASSED SUBSTANCE OF REF. B TO IAN WILLIAMS OF UNPDAC IN
THAILAND AND HE WAS RELIEVED TO LEARN THAT UNFDAC IS
NOT RPT NOT SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATING WINDING UP UNPDAC
PREMATURELY.

2. AT SAME TIME HE REVIEWED HIS RECENT DEMARCHES WITH
RTG ON THIA CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC AND CONCLUDED
THE PRESSURE OF THE DIND UNFDAS HAS APPLIED TO THAIS
ON THIS MATTER IS UNWISE AND CAN BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.
REMAINING 0.5 MILLION BAHT OF THAI CONTRIBUTION (IN ADDITION
TO THE 2.3 MILLION BAHT ALREADY PAID) HAS BEEN OBLIGA-
TED BY RTG AND SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO UNFDAC SOON, SINCE
THAI FISCAL YEAR ENDS SEPTEMBER 30. HOWEVER HE RECALLED
THAT THAI CONTRIBUTION HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN APPROVED AT
2.3 MILLION BAHT LEVEL AND THAT ADDITIONAL 0.5 MILLION BAHT
HAD BEEN ADDED LATER TO COVER OFFICE EXPENSES. THUS, THAI
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HAAVE NOT RPT NOT WATERED DOWN THEIR CONTRIBUTION. MOREOVER

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THAI PLAN TO CONTRIBUTE 5.5 MILLION BAHT TO UNFDAC IN THAI
FY 1977 BELINS OCTOBER 1, 1976. SENIOR THAI OFFICIAL
WITH WHOM IAN WILLIAMS HAS BEEN IN TOUCH ON EXPEDITING PAY-
MENT OF REMAINING THAI CONTRIBUTION HAS COMMENTED THAT IF
THE UNFDAC IS CONSIDERING CLOSING DOWN THE UNPDAC LET IT
DO SO AND RTG WILL THUS SAVE THE 5.5 MILLION BAHT IT IS
PLANNING TO PAY IN COMING YEAR.

3. WILLIAMS MADE CLEAR TO US THAT THIS WAS ONLY PASSING
FLASH OF ANNOYANCE ON PART OF THIA OFFICICIAL BUT IT UNDER-
LINES THE LIMITS OF PRESURE TACTICS ON RTG. WILLIAMS
DOES NOT RPT NOT SUGGEST THAT WE TAKE ANY ACTION ON
FOREGOING. HOWEVER HE SUGGESTED THAT IF OPPORTUNITY
PRESENTS ITSELF US MISSION MIGHT INDICATE TO UNFDAC THAT
IF UNDERSTANDS FROM EMBASSY BANGKOK THAT THAI COMMITMENT
TO MAKE PAYMENT TO UNFDAC SEEMS FIRM AND EFFORTS TO
ACCELERATE PAYMENT ARE REALLY UNNECESSARY AND QUITE
LIKELY TO BE MISUNDERSTOOD BY THE PRODUCE HOSTILE RE-
ACTION WITHIN RTG.
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